

# OUTREACH NOTICE OUTREACH NOTICE



### USDA FOREST SERVICE INTERMOUNTAIN REGION, R4 HUMBOLDT-TOIYABE NATIONAL FOREST

# Bridgeport Ranger District

# GS-0454-09/11 Rangeland Management Specialist

This position is for permanent full-time employment with a duty station in Bridgeport, CA.

The Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest will soon be advertising a GS-0454-09/11 Supervisory Rangeland Management Specialist position on the Bridgeport Ranger District with a duty station of the Bridgeport California. This notification is being circulated to inform prospective applicants of this opportunity and to determine interest in the position. Current federal employees and those with rehire status are encouraged to apply. Government housing may be available.

If interested please fill out the outreach notice form at the bottom of this document with your resume attached and return it to Jeff Ulrich by close of business March 13, 2015. All interested applicants will be notified of the vacancy announcement number and closing date when it becomes available. When advertised, the announcement will be posted on the official USAJOBS website <a href="http://www.usajobs.gov">http://www.usajobs.gov</a>.

### **Position Information**

**Major Duties:** The person selected will serve as the District range and weed program leader, supervising one GS 9 rangeland management specialist, and a varying seasonal workforce. They will have responsibility for overall management of 57 allotments covering nearly 950,000 acres, including permit administration and long-term monitoring; overseeing completion of environmental analysis; implementing decisions regarding grazing authorizations; and coordinating with three counties and Cooperative Weed Management Areas. This position works closely with the wildlife biologists, as well as other personnel on the District and across the Forest. This position will oversee an extensive monitoring program associated with grazing and ecosystem management. Excellent technical, oral and written communications skills are critical in accomplishing these duties.

The successful applicant will administer a challenging Range program on the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest. The primary duties for this position include the management of the Rangeland Management, Botany, and Invasive Plant Species programs. Administration of grazing permits includes allotment and pasture inspections, trend and condition monitoring in upland and riparian settings, annual utilization monitoring, and documentation of allotment visits and conversations with permittees. Communication with grazing permittees is a key part of this position. The specialist will

record allotment inspections, conversations, and monitoring information for use in decision-making. The specialist will cooperatively develop Annual Operating Instructions with permittees for the grazing season. The specialist will provide recommendations on range improvement projects, order materials within budget constraints and ensure the projects are completed to Forest Service standards. The specialist will assist the Supervisory Rangeland Management Specialist with NEPA documents for range projects and other district/forest projects as needed.

Attendance at public and agency meetings on a variety of technical and professional topics will be required. Use of an ATV, 4-wheel drive vehicle, and horses will be necessary as a regular part of this job, as will hiking across uneven terrain at high elevations.

### **About the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest**

At over 6.3 million acres, the H-T is the largest National Forest in the contiguous United States. The Forest spans the entire state of Nevada, with an additional one million acres of land in the eastern part of California, along the Eastern Sierra Front. There are 10 Ranger districts and includes one of the largest Range and WHB programs in the Forest Service. For additional Forest and District information, please check out the H-T website at: <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/htmf/">http://www.fs.usda.gov/htmf/</a>

### **Bridgeport Ranger District**

The Bridgeport Ranger District is located on the west side of the H-T; flanked on the west by the dramatic Sierra Nevada and falling away eastward to the Great Basin Desert. The Bridgeport District encompasses 1.2 million acres and spans 5 mountain ranges. Two-thirds of the district is in Nevada, one-third is in California. The District borders Yosemite National Park and several wilderness areas. Vegetation ranges from high alpine plant communities to salt desert flats.

The District has a robust program of work that covers range, fire and fuels, recreation, wildlife, fisheries, watershed, wilderness, noxious weeds, minerals and special uses. There are about 20 permanent employees and the District typically hires additional seasonal employees. The District is also home to the US Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center.

### **Bridgeport Community Information**

The Ranger Station is located in Bridgeport, CA, a town of about 600 year-round residents, nestled at the base of the Sierra Nevada. In the summer, the area swells with tourists coming to enjoy the scenic beauty and outstanding fishing opportunities. Bridgeport is about 45 minutes from Yosemite National Park, 1 1/2 hours from Lake Tahoe and Gardnerville, NV, and 2 1/2 hours from Reno, NV.

Government housing may be available with this opportunity. Housing in Bridgeport is limited. Rentals range from \$600 to \$1000+ per month. A typical 3 bed/2 bath single family home in Bridgeport costs anywhere from \$250,000-\$350,000+.

Bridgeport has a K-8 elementary school. High schools are located in Lee Vining, CA and Coleville, CA. Churches representing several denominations can be found within the local commuting area. Bridgeport has a small clinic and ambulance and Life-Flight services. Hospitals are located in

Gardnerville, NV and Mammoth Lakes, CA. Bridgeport has a small general store and a few restaurants/bars during the summer.

Annual precipitation in Bridgeport averages 9 inches/year. Total annual snowfall averages 50 inches with most occurring from December to February. Summer highs in Bridgeport rarely reach 90 degrees (F) or above. In winter, low temperatures can reach 30 below zero.

## For specific District information contact

Bridgeport District – Jeff Ulrich, julrich@fs.fed.us, 760-932-5801

# **OUTREACH RESPONSE FORM**

**Supervisory Rangeland Management Specialists GS-0454-9/11 (Permanent Fulltime)** 



Bridgeport Ranger District, Bridgeport, CA Email to <a href="mailto:julrich@fs.fed.us">julrich@fs.fed.us</a> by March 13, 2015

### **HUMBOLDT-TOIYABE NATIONAL FOREST**

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